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Ellis J. Tucker House
1145 Stafford Road
Darlington vicinity
Private

1858; 1936

The Ellis J. Tucker House is the successor to an earlier house built in the first quarter of the 19th century by William Stump. Tucker was the inheritor of the farm and built the present building on the site of the original house. During the 1930's, Burt Vaughn Flannery, then owner of the house, made several major alterations and added a stone studio.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Ellis J. Tucker House

AND/OR COMMON Red Oak Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1145 Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN Darlington CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Harold Herman

Telephone #: 457-5200

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 206

CITY, TOWN Darlington STATE, zip code Maryland 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Court House

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE c. 1970 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis Maryland STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ellis J. Tucker House is a 2 1/2 story stone house with several additions, the main part of which dates from 1858 and the major addition from 1936, located on the west bank of the Susquehanna River overlooking a panoramic view up and down the river and across into Cecil County. The house and its outbuildings are about 3/4 mile north of Stafford Bridge at Deer Creek and the main elevation faces south.

The main elevation has three bays with a central entrance containing modern double doors. A two story porch with square columns may have been added in the 1930's. Three gabled dormers with slate sides break the slate gable roof on this facade. A flat-topped stone interior chimney rises from the west gable end and an exterior chimney is located on the north elevation. The windows on the main elevation differ on each floor: the ground floor windows have large openings with paneled lower frames, sidelights, and a 20-light central section. The second floor windows are 8/8 and the dormers have 6/6 sash. The west gable end has two bays on the ground floor, three on the second floor and two on the attic level. A datestone in this gable reads: "EJT 1858." The north elevation has a two-story wing and service entrance. The east end of the house was apparently added or greatly altered in the mid-1930's. An oriel bay window projects from this elevation and a datestone set in the wall reads "1936." Surrounding the house are several levels of stone terraces and lawns, which appear to be contemporary with the 1930's alternations.

Immediately northeast of the main house is a two-story stone studio building dating from the 1930's. This building has three bays on the south elevation, a large studio window on the north, and an exterior stone chimney on the east gable end. The roof is slate and most windows have 8/8 sash.

About 200 yards west of the house is a frame bank barn apparently dating from the mid to late 19th century. It has mortise and tenon framing with clearly visible Roman numeral joinery guides. The foundation is stone and the siding is board and batten and vertical, apparently a recent replacement. Just south of the barn is a small stone tenant cottage built about 1940.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY):	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1858; 1936 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ellis J. Tucker House may be the successor to an earlier house built in the first quarter of the 19th century by William Stump. Part of the tracts from which the present parcel was formed included Rigbies Hope, a resurvey of the old Mt. Yeo tract, which was passed by will from William to Henry C. Stump and thence to Samuel C. Stump, who was the owner of a building on this location shown on the 1858 Jennings and Herrick map. Parts of the earlier building may be enclosed within the walls of the 1858 house and the 1936 addition.

In 1931, the farm was purchased by Burt Vaughn Flannery, an advertising executive and painter, who made major alterations and built the studio. Flannery raised horses and painted portraits of race horses during the 1940's. One of his clients was Calumet Farms. According to the 1970 survey form, the stone mason for the 1936 studio and addition to the main house was Lloyd Weaver of Cookville and Darlington.

Note: This form consolidates original survey numbers HA-183 and 184.

Addendum: W. S. Forwood's "Homes on Deer Creek" (Aegis-Intelligencer, December 19, 1879) confirms that the Tucker House was built on the site of an earlier house. Tucker was described as "efficient and successful as a practical farmer" and his farm as "noted for its productiveness".

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

January 1983

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 Ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

N. R. FIELD SHEET
1301834204

HA 183

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Adams - Tucker house	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cockade Farms	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters east of Stafford Road about 0.5 mi			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington north of Deer Creek			
STATE: Maryland	CODE:	COUNTY: Harford	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Colonial Investment Corp			
STREET AND NUMBER: Stafford Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington Darlington	STATE: Md	CODE:	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court			
STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main St			
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air	STATE: Md.	CODE:	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	

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STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The most remarkable thing about this property is the ~~view~~ view, ~~position~~ of the Susquehanna River, Cecil County and the canal.

Granite house, well cut, 2 1/2 stories, 3 bays x 3, facing south. Ridge line of the slate roof runs east-west. Peaked dormers are in the south side of the roof. Chimneys are at both ends of the house.

Windows on the south side: ~~one~~ bay windows on the first floor under wide granite lintels, wide windows 8 over 8 on the second floor, and the dormer sashes are 6 over 6.

A wide terrace of granite affords a wide view north, east and south across the Susquehanna. The house has a colonnaded two story porch on this side.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☒

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

ition ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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The owner before last, the Vaughan Planners, enlarged the house, adding a second floor to the area to the east of the front door.

~~The project was completed by the last owner, and extended the roof, slate, across to the east wall, matching wood work carefully. They also added the two story columns to the porch leading out to the terrace, built up of native granite, all ~~finished~~ in the late 1930's & early 40's. They modernized the kitchen and plumbing and electric wiring.~~

The masonry is a model of the kind of stone work that can be found in houses 150, 200 or more years ago - usually worked very much the same way.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Clifford Holloway, ~~Donna Holloway~~; who has
lived all her life on the adjacent property, 15 March '70

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0	'	"
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0	'	"
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0	'	"
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean S. Swain	
ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust	DATE: Feb '70
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: MD
	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

The present owner is a very rich negro from Baltimore who tells the local storekeeper and others that he made his money in the numbers racket.

His interest in farming is desultory, his visits infrequent, and he keeps very much apart from the community, by mutual consent!

His farming practices are disastrous. De-forested steep slopes, he has promoted deep erosion of the soil and does nothing to correct this.

It is assumed that he owns these farms for tax deduction purposes and as future residential development potential.

Mr Flannery, advertising executive, was one of the generation of property owners that moved into the eastern side of the county from Philadelphia and New York. Semi-retired, he went to New York weekly to work on a few special contracts. His raising ~~his~~ of horses on the farm had some success in the world of racing but not as great as his own success illustrating horses for seed owners as Calumet Farms in the late 1940's.

The Tuckers, before Flannery, were locally raised and educated and had little or no ~~connection with the advertising world~~ association with a world beyond a 15 mile radius.

N. R. FIELD
1301834835
SHEET

STATE: HA-183
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Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>			
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
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Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Credential Investments Corporation			
STREET AND NUMBER: Stafford Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington Darlington	STATE: Md	COOE:	STATE:
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

2 story stone cottage 3 bays by 2
 with a huge fire place, perched on a
 rocky ledge overlooking the Sesequehanna.

Modern, it is a beautiful example
 of traditional stone masonry craftsmanship.
 Lloyd Weaver of Cookville, Darlington is
 the craftsman.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

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Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

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Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Built by Vaughan Flannery (about 1935-41)

for a studio, where he worked on paintings
for Calumet Farms of individual horses and
on his advertising art work.

~~He~~ Lloyd Weaver, his stonemason, decided to
try a painting after watching Flannery work,
and soon became the documentary painter of
the County - (Harold's Grandpa Moses).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview w Clifford Holloway, (who has lived all her life on the adjoining property,) in March 1970

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Jean S. Seiwig</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE <i>Feb '70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>50 State Circle</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE <i>Maryland</i>	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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The Ægis and Intelligencer.

FREDERICK W. BAKER, Editor.

BEL AIR, Md.

Friday Morning, - - December 19, 1879.

The Homes on Deer Creek.

BY W. S. F. OF DARLINGTON, MD.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,

This is my own, my native land!

Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd?

From wandering on a foreign strand?"

—Sir Walter Scott.

We can imagine but few subjects, Mr. Editor, that would be so pleasantly entertaining, as well as instructive, to a large number of the readers of *The Ægis and Intelligencer*, as a few brief and accurate historical sketches of *The Homes on Deer Creek*.

We are precluded from attempting to supply this demand for the reason that we have not the proper historic materials at hand.—Neither do we know where such data can be found, if any exists. It is much to be regretted that some such record should not be made before "Time's effacing fingers" shall have wholly obliterated the "land marks" of such a history.

In the present sketches, the writer only designs to notice briefly some of the Homes upon lower Deer Creek as they are to be seen at the present time, rarely going back, in their history beyond his personal recollections.

It is to be hoped that these outlines of the present day will prove suggestive to others who may be possessed of historical facts, and induce them thus to present them, in print, for the benefit of those who will come after us.

Although scarcely two centuries have passed since the first white man placed foot upon the hills of Deer Creek, yet how little do we know of what has transpired in the human history of the remarkable valley so far back, even, as but one hundred years ago!

Could we but find a true record of the events that transpired here so far back as and in the single year of 1779, what a treasure it would be! A like record of our doings and sayings will, in all probability, possess equal interest with our successors in the year 1979!

Personal sketches, where offense to good taste is avoided, both biographical and autobiographical, are always interesting and entertaining. This is evidenced by the wonderful avidity with which the *diaries* of distinguished persons in society are always read.

All we propose at present is to make a few running remarks regarding the principal farms, naming their present owners and occupants, and in some cases their former owners, together with their locations, along the valley of Deer Creek from its mouth, at Rock Run, to a point eight or ten miles above.

While these sketches are deemed of sufficient interest to the readers of this paper,

their publication, it is easy to foresee that, in value, their interest will be doubly enhanced in the estimation of those who come after us—long after we shall have passed to that bourne whence no traveller returns!

The valley through which Deer Creek flows, and which has long been famed for its fertility, and for the salubrity of its climate, was settled by white people about as early in history as any part of northern Maryland. The first settlers certainly showed rare discrimination in the selection of lands best adapted to agricultural purposes.

Indeed, it may be truthfully asserted that the far-famed valley of Deer Creek is quite equal in fertility, as a grain-growing and as a grazing country, to any in the world.

If the same care and attention was bestowed upon farming here as is commonly practiced in Lancaster and Chester counties in Pennsylvania, we feel sure that our valley would equal and in general far exceed the productiveness of the counties named. It may be safely asserted that, even at the present time, under our comparatively careless style of farming, our crops of wheat and corn, per acre, are almost up to the best standard of our sister counties in Pennsylvania.

There are many fine, properties and handsome residences—Homes—in the full sense of the word, along the line of the Creek that we might dwell upon, did we but possess their early histories, with pleasure and with profit to ourself, and to all in search of such information; but, as it is, we will sketch briefly our impressions of these properties as they now appear.

Beginning rather below the mouth of Deer Creek, where it empties its waters into the Susquehanna, we find the handsome and commodious stone dwelling of the late Dr. John Archer, at Rock Run, which, through a strange fatality, has stood unoccupied, with the exception of three or four years, for more than the fourth of a century. This widely-known residence was built in the early years of the present century, by Dr. John Archer, who married a daughter of John Stump, of Stafford—and who are the parents of our well-known citizen, the Hon. Henry W. Archer, of Bel Air. A very large and valuable farm was formerly connected with the Rock Run property, but it has been divided up very much lately, and portions of it sold. The land is of excellent quality. Dr. Archer died many years ago, perhaps forty-five, and with him the vitality of Rock Run departed. It is true that the large and slowly revolving mill-wheel has continued to make its lazy turns, for the supply of food to the neighborhood, but in other respects this fine property has remained at a "stand still" since the decease of its former owner. We believe it is now awaiting a purchaser.

Passing up the Creek, the next property noted is the fine old Stafford property, well-known as the former residence of "John Stump, of Stafford;" the homestead portion of it now belongs to his son, Mr. Herman Stump, Senior. Three-fourths of a century ago this was the headquarters of wealth, refinement and of the best society; as well as point where an immense amount of business, in milling and in store-keeping, was transacted. During many years past, owing to the change in the tide of men's affairs, Stafford went down very low—falling from the position of one of the most active business centres in the county, to the utter abandonment of all kinds of business, except the cultivation of the soil. It has been said that the first handsome pleasure carriage ever introduced into Harford county was owned by John Stump, of Stafford. At that day a carriage attracted as much curious attention as a balloon does now. The Hon. Herman Stump, of Bel Air, our present able representative in the State Senate, is a grandson of John Stump, of Stafford.

We take great pleasure in saying that, under the active and skillful management of Mr. E. M. Allen, Stafford, as a business mart, now bids fair to rejoice in its ancient fame. Mr. Allen is known all over the county as a manufacturer of the best and purest bone dust, one of the most reliable fertilizers of the period. He grinds an immense amount of corn, for city markets; sells large quantities of coal, lumber, agricultural implement &c., and buys wheat, corn, hay, &c., in large quantities.

Messrs. B. Gūpin & Joshua Smith also manufacture flint dust at Stafford. Canal boats load and unload at the doors of the mills; several new buildings have recently been erected, and other improvements made; so, it may be said that, under the efficient management of Mr. Allen, and with the aid of the Messrs. Smith, Stafford has been rejuvenated.

Passing from Stafford directly up the hill, to the eastward, the next property is that of the late Samuel C. Stump. This property, though quite rolling, is noted for its productiveness. It fronts the grand Susquehanna as well as Deer Creek, lying in the junction, though not quite reaching the Creek.

The former owner, dying without issue, the property was inherited by his widow's nephew, Mr. Ellis T. Tucker, who is equally efficient and successful as a practical farmer as was the former proprietor.

Mr. Tucker has also erected a very comfortable stone dwelling, on the site of the old one, exactly on the brow of the steep hill which overlooks the river and the lower end of Deer Creek. The view extends to Port Deposit and Havre de Grace, and away beyond, down the Bay, which, taken in connection with the Creek and canal, forms one of the finest water views of the many that are in the neighborhood. Mr. Tucker is one of those farmers who has discovered the correctness of Franklin's axiom: "He who by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive," and applies it to daily practice, with the best results.

The farm which lies immediately above, on the river, and rather further from the Creek, belongs to that well-known citizen, who is every where known as one of our solid men, both as regards mental capacity and pecuniary success—Henry S. Harlan. He lives retired from the public gaze, but enjoys the advantages of a beautifully located home. As

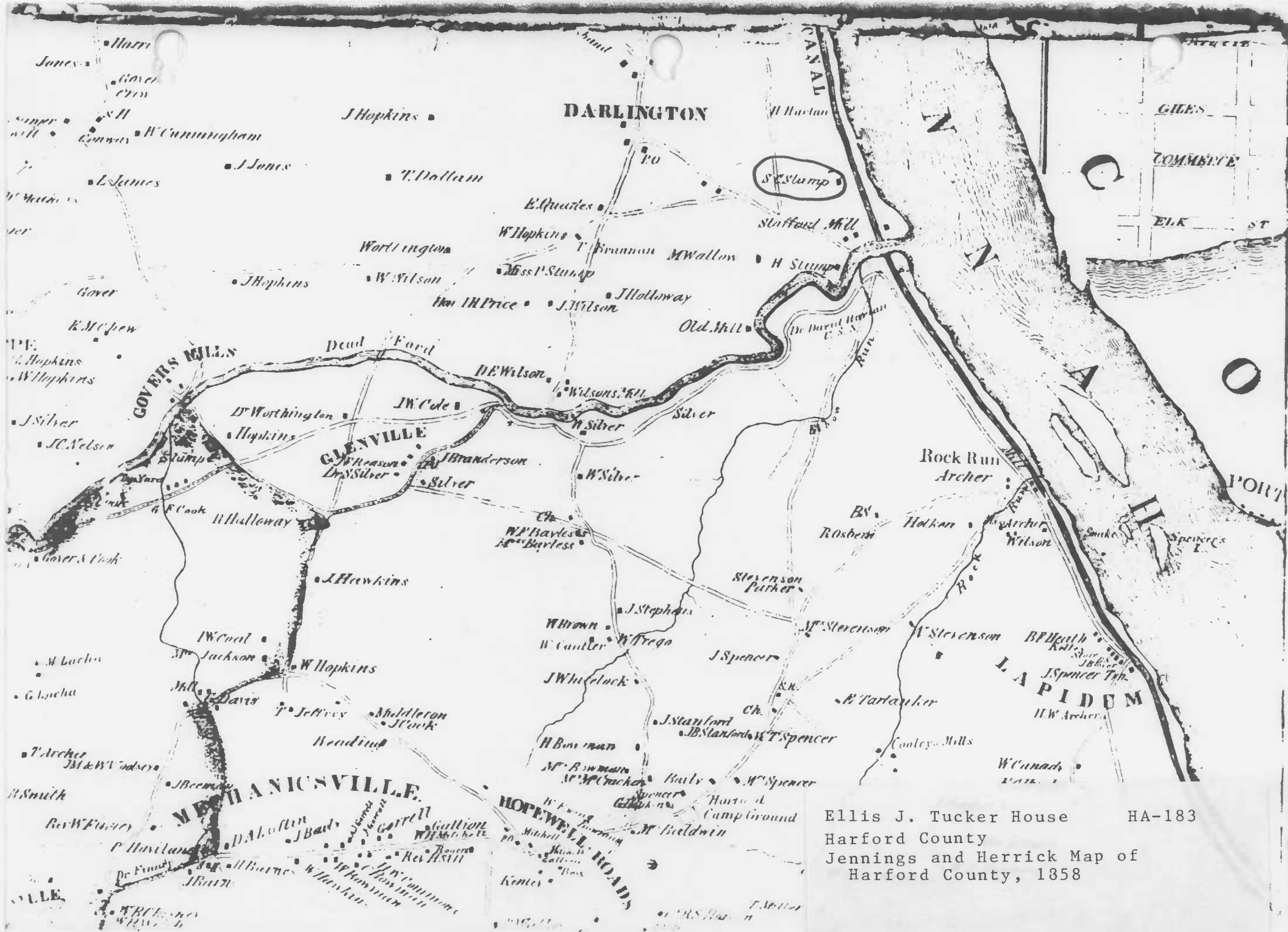
crops know such a word as "fail." His buildings are comfortable and remain very much in the same condition. They were left by his immediate ancestors; showing his regard for the old style.

We feel greatly tempted to wander further up the river, where are to be found a number of beautiful properties, but our heading warns us that we would be straying from "the words of our text." Returning from Mr. Harlan's toward the Creek, we come to the large—about 250 acres or more—and excellent property of the late Henry C. Stump, now belonging to Albert S. and Wm. R. Holloway. The larger part of this property, that lying next to the river, formerly belonging to Hugh Smith, who lived there to the good old age of about 90 years; his death, which occurred about 45 years ago, being finally hastened by an accident; his leg being broken by a fall. His widow survived him several years, reaching 96 or 98 years. This aged couple were the grand parents of Judge John H. Price, and were the progenitors of a large family. The house, a small stone structure, still stands, over near the river, but has remained untenanted for many years. Indeed, its location is so unapproachable, in consequence of its great distance from any public highway, that it is likely to remain so. The probabilities are, though we are not authorized to say so, or even to think so, that one of the young men who now own the land, will some day erect a dwelling on the southern part of the farm, near the present barn, and near an excellent spring, which is shaded by four sturdy white oaks, planted by persons who lived there more than a century ago, near by the ruins of an old dwelling, fronting the present highway from Darlington to Stafford. With a handsome dwelling here, and an extensive lawn, reaching down the declivity and never-failing stream which runs through the meadow, this might be made one of the most beautiful, as it already is one of the most valuable properties in the neighborhood.

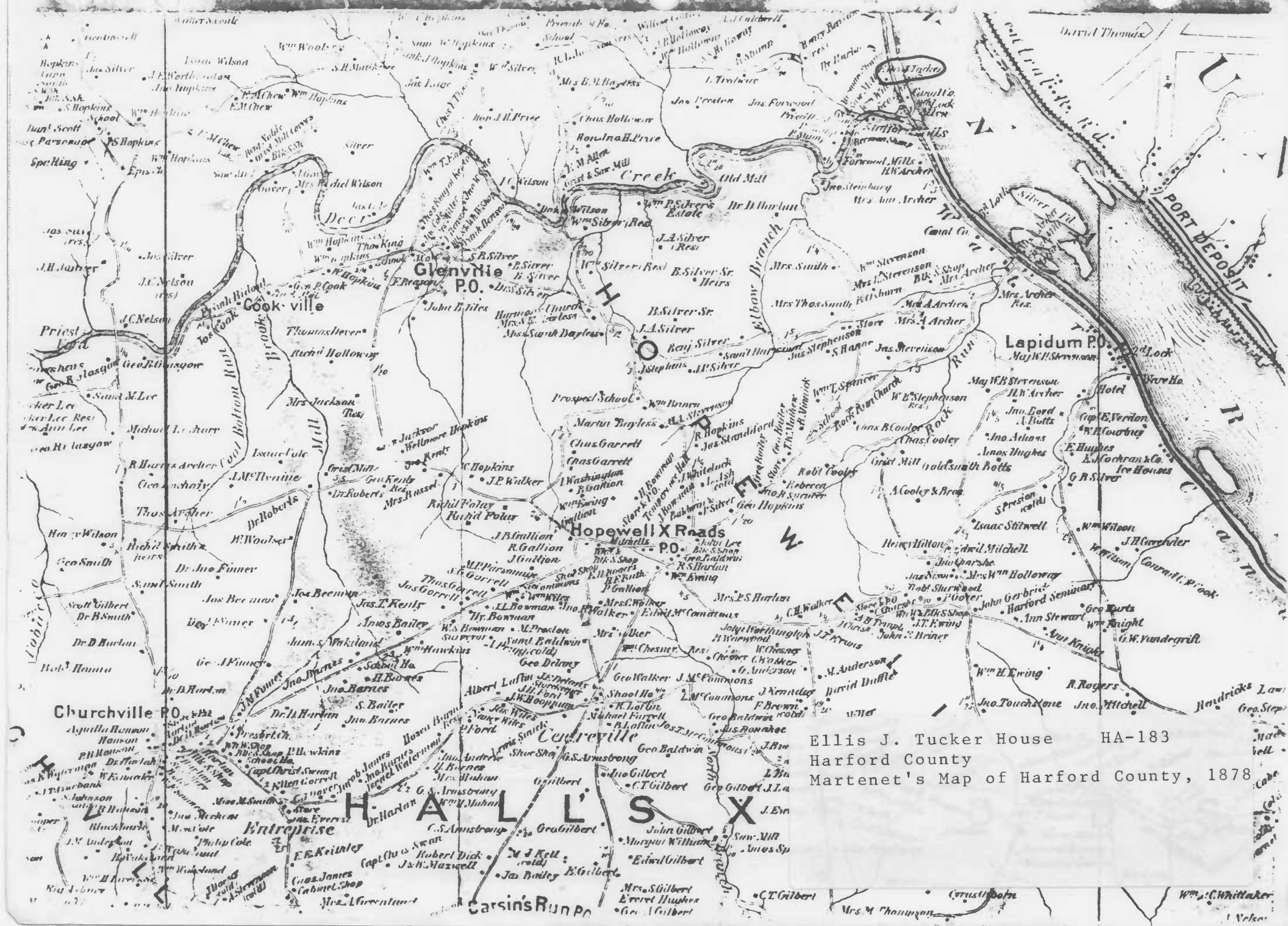
The former owner, H. C. Stump, having and died a bachelor—always residing with his mother on the old Homestead property, adjoining, never made nor felt the necessity for making any improvements in the buildings.—He farmed but little; chiefly occupying his attention in grazing cattle, for which stock he had a great fondness, and of the qualities of which he was considered one of the best judges of the many who deal in cattle on Deer Creek. He annually fed forty or fifty select animals, which always commanded the highest market price.

The farm contiguous to this on the northwest was the old home of his parents, the late William and Duckett Stump, where a large family of children and grandchildren were reared.

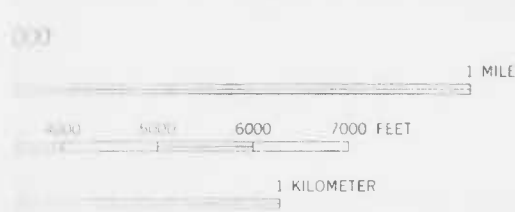
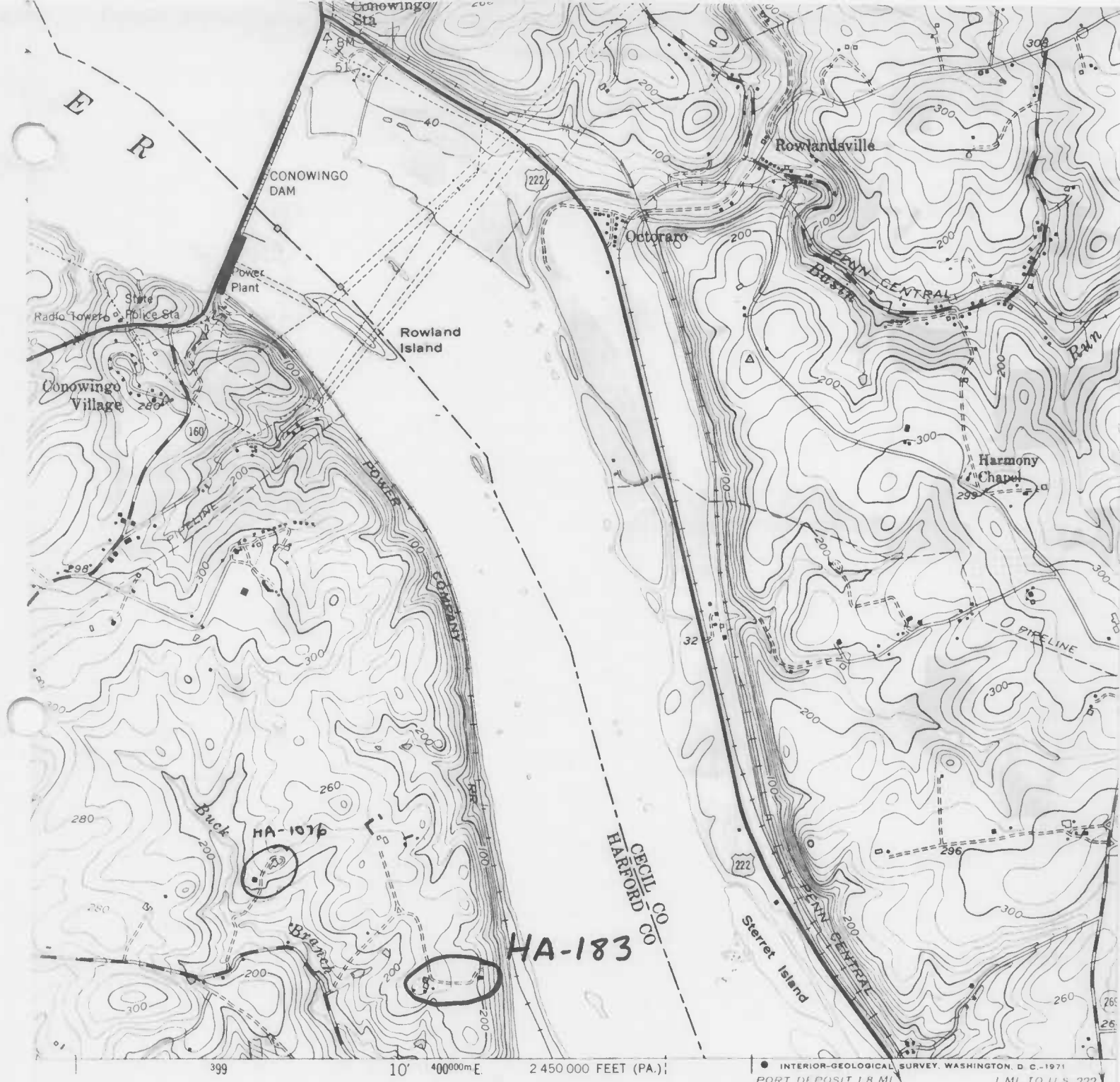
The writer can scarcely trust himself to speak impartially of this "old homestead," for it was here that his mother was born and passed her girlhood; and it was here, under the same protecting "roof-tree shade" that the greater part of his own youth was passed. The bright days of boyhood, as well as those of shadow and cloud, which, as Tennyson so beautifully expresses it, "into each life must fall" were spent here. In looking back upon



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